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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Application of RUSSWURM et al.

U.S. National Phase of PCT Application: WO 2004/087949

Application No.: Group:

Date Filed: September 30, 2005 Examiner:

For: METHOD FOR RECOGNIZING ACUTE GENERALIZED INFLAMMATORY
CONDITIONS (SIRS), SEPSIS, SEPSIS-LIKE CONDITIONS AND SYSTEMIC
INFECTIONS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.